

THE Reception given at Government House
 (This Reception by H. B. the Governor and

Lady Robinson was largely attended by officials and civilians, a goodly number of ladies being present.

Sir James Russell, Chief Justice, made an order to-day for the winding up of the Pank Hotel and Trading Co. under the supervision of the Court. Mr. F. T. P. Foster was appointed liquidator.

THIS Agent of the Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co. informs us that the s. s. *Gaelic*, with mails &c. from San Francisco to Y. 28th inst. has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port to-morrow, at 4 p.m.

We learn by the Ceylon papers that the s. s. *O. steamer St. Bernard*, with the new English mail, left Aden on the morning of

Monday, 30th Nov., and was expected at Colombo, on the evening of 2nd Dec., making a rapid passage. The cause of the slight delay in the *Baronesa's* arrival is the accident to the *Misrappere*.

The much too small audience who assembled in St. Andrew's Hall last night to hear the celebrated pianist Herr Friedenthal enjoyed a rare treat. The chance of hearing a performer of more than average ability occurs but seldom in Hongkong, and what it does come it is hardly ever taken advantage of so largely as it ought to be. We have no doubt that those who had the pleasure of hearing Herr Friedenthal last

might evidence his to have another opportunity of listening to his playing and we are glad to say that the distinguished artist intends to give one more entertainment—on St. Andrew's Hall but in the Theatre Royal. The programme yesterday evening was delightfully varied and Heri Friedman that took good care to avoid the very common error of making it too heavy. Each item in it was enthusiastically applauded, and the artist was good enough to add several supplementary pieces by way of encores. Of Herr Friedenthal's playing no doubt most people in this colony have already seen accounts of the most favourable description. His technique is as remarkable as his power of expression, and he plays with the intelligence and sympathy of a true artist. We are glad to hear

audience at his next *soiree musicale*, which is to be given on Saturday evening. We may mention that special arrangements will be made for the improvement of the acoustics of the theatre for the occasion, and we can promise that those who attend the recital will not be disappointed.

Mr. Derrick has received advice by wire that an additional 10 head of stamps for Raub battery have been shipped from Melbourne by the B. L. *Merkara*. They should arrive at Singapore about the end of this month.

It is reported in a service paper that the Admiralty will shortly commission the *Archelus* for the China Station. Although

The Nagsangai paper hears that the *Asia Hiroshima* Mars of the Yuseu Kaimu will take some 1,000 Japanese labourers to Australia early in January. The *Asia* also reports that the Japanese Company will leave for Honolulu, with some 100 labourers late in December.

A Reuters' telegram dated London, 30th November, in its Tokyo 29th, is today published by the *Standard* says that the Government of all the Chinese provinces have been ordered instantly to decapitate the publishers of *Asia-Foreign* publications. The words of the news is true; but we are afraid to believe it.

A Madras telegram reads as follows:—A mobbocation with the next Civil Service Commission and the second session of the Legislative meeting are getting up a big collision for advance on the race. Ninety per cent. of the amount subscribed is to be proportionally divided amongst first holders of the first and second sessions of the Commission. The whole of the race is being organised for this venture. It is a great thing.

H. M. S. *Rattler*, which proceeded to the Kedah river on Wednesday of last week for the purpose of erecting a memorial over the grave of Lieut. Thurburn of the *Hymen*, returned on Sunday. The memorial, a simple cross, bearing an inscription to the effect that deceased was drowned in the Kedah river on the 13th October, and that the cross "is erected by his brother officers and a few friends," had been placed in position after some difficulty, on Sunday.

Tax law string, as a mode of State exaction, sounds strange in this part of the world; and one thinks one must be dreaming when one reads that the Government exaction lately took place by the mode and what is more, in a country "protected" by this Government, to wit, Fahu, where two Malays were executed in 1890, for the same offence as that of the first execution on which a death sentence has been carried out there since the inauguration of the Residential system. We not hang, as in the other Protected States? Or, are the authorities, in fear of the natives' "hot" air, unwilling to formally to introduce English methods? *Penny Magazine.*

We are glad (says the *Penny Magazine*) to hear that the Government of Kelantan has a plan (which we are sure the honest adherents of the chief slide away one from the town to which, as reported last week they had fled, and returned to their homes; and the chief himself has been seen) to give the people of Kelantan people have resumed business, that shops are open, and all is as probably again we before the Salt Commissioners raised the storm by trying to increase the tax. The General Commanding the Forces in the district has now sent the troops to the district for the execution discipline. The troops were under. He has promised for their good conduct and for a short time to be allowed to remain in the district. It is desired to ensure it.

to leave their stations when absolutely necessary, there was no chance of assisting vessels making their way to this port. This persistency to save the wants of the public was well exemplified on 6th November, 1891, when Onn-ah-mander, Collingwood, of Pango, elected to remain out until properly relieved, although his vessel was in a distressed condition, and for all he knew badly damaged under water. I can say no more, but we can mourn the loss of a good ship with the brave European officers crewed below and thirty-one of the native crew.

Intimations.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day

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